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S.B. No. 1627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of the fitting and dispensing of hearing instruments by audiologists and audiologist interns.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 401.403(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A person who holds a license ~~[meets the requirements of this chapter for licensing]~~ as an audiologist or audiologist intern and who fits and dispenses hearing instruments must:

(1) ~~[register with the department the person's intention to fit and dispense hearing instruments;~~

~~[(2)]~~ comply with rules adopted under this chapter related to fitting and dispensing hearing instruments ~~[the profession's code of ethics];~~

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ comply with the federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines for fitting and dispensing hearing instruments;

(3) ~~[(4)]~~ when providing services in this state, use a written contract that contains the department's name, mailing address, ~~[and]~~ telephone number, and Internet website address; and

(4) ~~[(5)]~~ follow the guidelines adopted by commission rule for a 30-day trial period on every hearing instrument purchased.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.